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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Michael Gauselmann  
Assignee: Atronic International GmbH  
Title: Gaming Machine Displaying Combinations of Symbols Including Special Symbols  
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This responds to the Office Action dated May 10, 2005.

Amendments basically merging limitations in dependent claims (Claim 23 and Claim 44) into their independent claim are being made along with a trivial amendment to Claims 11 and 33 to make the claims more clear. Such amendments would not necessitate a new search, and there are no new issues being raised.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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